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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:

The International Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the grave concerns for the physical and psychological integrity of **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes** who is allegedly currently in detention at POLRES police Headquarters in Baucau.

The International Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the alleged arrest of **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes**, 25 years old, from the village of Soba, sub-district of Laga, Baucau district, by members of SGI (Special Intelligence Unit) on 11 September 1997 in Dili.

According to information received, **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes** has been accused by Indonesian authorities of being a member of the East Timorese clandestine resistance and of having contact with the East Timorese resistance (Falintil). On the day of his arrest, **Ximenes** was taken to a detention centre in Colmera, Dili, where it is believed he was subjected to torture, including electric shocks, burns with cigarettes, cuts with razor blades. He was then transferred to SGI headquarters in Baucau and subjected to intensive interrogation and further torture. **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes** was later moved to POLRES (Police Resort) headquarters in Baucau, where it is believed he is still in detention.

The International Secretariat is gravely concerned for the physical and psychological integrity of **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes** and fears that he is at heightened risk of torture and ill-treatment especially if he is being denied access to independent legal council and contact with family members.

Action requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Sabino Barbosa Ximenes** and ensure that he has access to medical assistance;

ii. order his immediate release in the absence of valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring him before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee his procedural rights at all times;

iii. carry out an impartial and exhaustive enquiry into these events, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and/or administrative sanctions provided by law;

iv. ensure in all circumstances the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and international standards.

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The Indonesian Embassy in your respective country.

Geneva, 3 December 1997.

Kindly inform us of any action taken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.